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FOR MANIPULATING COUPONS  
AND THE LIKE IN CIGARETTE  
PACKING MACHINES

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2003, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply. The Application is amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.

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